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Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. In most other locations, prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was usually barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the fair demand. Light type fowl were more than adequate for normal slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to .5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on large and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with a cautious undertone. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the only fair demand. Light type hens were more than sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents lower for the larger sizes and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady with a barely steady to weak undertone. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings which included graded product. Breakers bidding lower prices on the additional product. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were lower on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were unchanged on small and lower on the balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 27, 2002 was 61.26 cents, which was 2.78 cents more than a week earlier and 8.28 cents higher than last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were more than sufficient for normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1-2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last Monday with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 28%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate at current levels.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	91-93	56-58
New York	65-69	63-67	45-49
Philadelphia	63-67.5	62-65.5	44-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	55-62	53-57	36-40
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-77	61-71	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-58	52-56	37-41
Detroit (2)	50-55	49-53	37-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-56	51-54	35-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-60	52-58	37-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	73-75	70-72	54-56
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	86	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Labor dispute at western ports backing up shipments to Hawaiian and Asian destinations. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 69, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free, organic 299. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	109	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	96	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	86	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	73	MEDIUM	169-189
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-319	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 04, 2002 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 27, 2002 were 235,744 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	202,641	33,103	235,744
% change from the prior week.....	-8	-17	-9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings which include graded product. Breakers bidding lower prices on the additional product. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-27
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.75	8.31
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 30, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	15.9	8.5	15.7	9.9 59.0
	Change	0.6	4.7	0.6	2.2	-0.3 15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	36.4	56.1	17.8	28.4	31.6 170.3
	Change	6.0	8.4	0.0	4.0	2.9 14%
Large	Curr Wk	50.7	134.6	87.4	100.8	105.6 479.1
	Change	12.4	19.3	9.4	17.5	13.8 18%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.6	48.9	19.2	26.7	39.0 151.4
	Change	-0.2	2.8	1.6	4.3	-1.2 5%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	7.6	6.2	9.6	6.5 36.1
	Change	-0.8	-0.5	-0.7	2.3	3.0 10%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.1	14.4	4.8	20.5	4.3 47.1
	Change	-0.4	-4.2	-2.6	2.8	-2.8 -13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.8	31.5	27.6	29.4	28.6 139.9
	Change	-0.4	-12.6	-4.0	2.1	0.3 -9%
Total	Curr Wk	145.8	309.0	171.5	231.1	225.5 1082.9
Percent	Change	13%	6%	3%	18%	7% 9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1082.9	9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	265.6	3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1348.5	8%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	188.2	185.1	176.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 16, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	147	147	137	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		8.75		FUTURE LOADS		0.00		TOTAL LOADS		8.75	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	38.00	39.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	39.00 41.25 .75
GL W XL	—	—	48.00	50.00	47.00	—	2.00				
GL W SM	21.50	23.00	19.00	20.50	—	—	2.00				
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	3.00				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/23/02-09/27/02

WEEKLY (5 DAY) FUTURE AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/20/02 09/27/02															
CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
70.50				58.25				128.75							
SE			NE		MW			SC		NW		MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	38.00	41.00	38.00	42.78	45.50	—	21.00	GNR W 1	46.25	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	42.00	—	42.00	42.50	39.20	14.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	44.00	45.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.50	—	2.00	GL W XL	47.00	—	—	—	—	55.27	10.50
GL W XL	—	52.40	49.17	51.60	44.82	48.00	40.50	GL W LG	—	52.00	—	—	—	51.62	9.50
GL W LG	—	54.00	48.50	48.58	41.82	45.33	16.25	GL W MD	34.00	—	—	—	39.00	40.77	6.75
GL W MD	—	35.00	28.55	31.00	28.00	33.06	9.00	GL W SM	18.50	19.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	21.50	23.08	19.35	21.30	—	—	9.75								
GL BR J	—	—	—	66.00	—	—	.50								
GL BR XL	—	—	—	63.00	—	—	.25								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	61.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	33.50	—	—	—	41.50	38.27	45.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	25.00	27.00	32.75	32.00	3.00								
NRBS - 39	22.88	24.00	—	—	—	26.58	17.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/15/02 - 09/21/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Colorado	0	0	3,453	3,453
Iowa	4,050	5,465	36,163	45,678
Michigan	0	0	1,670	1,670
Minnesota	720	2,430	14,173	17,323
Missouri	0	0	1,669	1,669
Montana	0	0	1,616	1,616
New Hampshire	0	0	1,620	1,620
Ohio	0	0	2,977	2,977
Oregon	2,452	948	0	3,400
Utah	720	2,085	10,932	13,737
Wisconsin	0	0	120	120
TOTAL	7,942	10,928	74,393	96,263

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	82-85	72-75	37-40	19-22

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56-66	50-53	47-52	34-38	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
33-36	19-23	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/23/02	09/16/02	09/24/01
PACIFIC COAST	481	596	232
LOS ANGELES	448	547	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 9/15/02-9/21/02

30-dozen cases 7,367

Receipts from the mainland: 9/8/02-9/14/02

30-dozen cases 6,257

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78.75	73.61	57.99	45.27

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